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## ANIMAL FACILITY PERMITTING PROCESS – FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the first quarterly report to your Board in response to Supervisor Antonovich's Board Motion of May 13, 2008, directing my Office and the Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) to review the County's existing animal facility permitting process and make recommendations for improvements, as well as verifying United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) permits and adding the grade of each facility to the County's website.

The Department has posted the animal facility grades for each animal facility on its website at <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>. In addition, the Department reported all applicable animal facilities that did not have a USDA permit to the USDA, so these facilities may become properly licensed through that agency. Applicable animal facilities are those kennels that have three or more breeding females, sell wholesale through pet stores, and earn more than \$500 annually. Department staff have been in regular contact with USDA inspectors and all the applicable facilities have either obtained their USDA licenses or are in the process of doing so, under supervision of the USDA.

The Department has also initiated a comprehensive review of the current County ordinance as it relates to animal facilities and is in the process of identifying those matters which will require changes to the County ordinance. The Department expects this process to be completed by the end of November.

The Department has met on several occasions with appropriate stakeholders to solicit their recommendations for changes to the County ordinance. Additional stakeholders will be contacted once a draft of the changes is completed for review.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Mayeda at (562) 256-2406, or via email at [mmayeda@animalcare.lacounty.gov](mailto:mmayeda@animalcare.lacounty.gov).

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